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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 6 ON ARMS EMBARGO
WATCHDOG COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
DECEMBER 6 AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SET UP A NEW COMMITTEE TO
WATCHDOG SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO. CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE
DECEMBER 7, WITH MAJORITY OF MEMBERS PRESSING FOR EARLY ESTABLISHMENT
OF WATCHDOG MACHINERY. END SUMMARY.

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1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION DECEMBER 6
ON DRAFT RESOLUTION, SUBMITTED BY THREE AFRICAN SC MEMBERS ON
BEHALF OF AFRICAN GROUP, TO SET UP SC COMMITTEE TO WATCHDOG
NEW SOUTH AFRICA ARMS EMBARGO. ALL MEMBERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT,
SOME AD REFERENDUM, FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF ESTABLISHING SUCH
A COMMITTEE. WESTERN FIVE AND EVERAL OTHER MEMBERS SOUGHT CLARIFICATI
ONS

FROM COSPONSORS ON OPERATING PROCEDURES, STAFFING, COMPOSITION AND OTHER SPECIFIC POINTS. IN GENERAL, COSPONSOR ANSWERED THAT THESE AND OTHER POINTS WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AS MEMBERS HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY DRAFT AND QUERY THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

2. WYG WALDHEIM STATED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD BE SET UP IN SEVERAL WEEKS ONCE COUNCIL HAD MADE ITS BASIC DECISIONS ON SIZE, SCOPE, ETC. REGARDING FUNDING, WALDHEIM SAID THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE HAD TO MAKE A STATEMENT REGARDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. IF THAT COULD NOT BE DONE BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SYG'S 2 MILLION DOLLAR DISCRETIONARY FUND COULD BE USED PENDING FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTION.

3. CONTROVERSY DEVELOPED DURING DISCUSSION OF WHEN THE NEW WATCHDOG MACHINERY SHOULD BE SET IN MOTION. COSPONSORS, SUPPORTED BY USSR, PANAMA, INDIA AND ROMANIA, WANTED IMMEDIATE ACTION ON GROUND THERE WAS EVIDENTLY NO OBJECTION TO PRINCIPLE OF NEW COMMITTEE AND THEREFORE ITS INITIATION SHOULD BE SIMPLE MATTER. WESTERN FIVE, WITH UK (RICHARD) LEADING FAIRLY FAR OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER FOUR, SOUGHT DELAY ON GROUNDS EMBARGO HAD JUST BEEN INSTITUTED AND COUNCIL SHOULD AT LEAST AWAIT ITS INITIAL RESULTS BEFORE SETTING UP WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. AS FALLBACK, UK SUGGESTED COUNCIL SHOULD CONTINUE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT, LEAVING OPEN DATE OF FORMAL MEETING. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. CHAIRMAN (RAMPHUL-MAURITIUS) BACKED THOSE ARGUING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. AFTER FULL HOUR OF DEBATE ON WHEN TO CALL NEXT MEETING. COUNCIL AGREED TO INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS MORNING DECEMBER 8. AT THAT TIME, COUNCIL WOULD ATTEMPT TO SET DATE FOR FORMAL MEETING WHICH WOULD LAD TO CONSENSUS VOTE AUTHORIZING WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT MADE QUITE PLAIN THAT HE WOULD PRESS TO HAVE FORMAL SESSION (OR SESSIONS) START AFTERNOON DEC 8.

5. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED OF INFORMAL SC CONSULTATION CALLED FOR MORNING DEC 7. WE PRESUME THIS IS IN ADDITION TO DECEMBER 8 SCENARIO.

6. COMMENT: MISSION SUGGESTS THAT US CAN AFFORD TO BE FAIRLY RELAXED ABOUT WHEN SC SETS UP ITS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE. WE HOPE WE CAN GET UKUN TO SHARE THIS ATTITUDE. WE DO NEED TO BE VIGILANT AND INVOLVED, HOWEVER, IN DEFINING THE MANDATE OF THE NEW COMMITTEE AND IN SCRUTINIZING ITS STAFFING AND LINES OF AUTHORITY WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT. FURTHER COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW.

7. TEXT OF DRAFT AFRICAN RESOLUTION FOLLOWS. (WE UNDERSTAND
THAT AMENDED VERSION DUE OUT TOMORROW MORNING.)

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THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 418 (1977) OF 4 NOVEMBER 1977 IN
WHICH IT DETERMINED, HAVING REGARD TO THE POLICIES AND ACTS OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, THAT THE ACQUISITION BY SOUTH AFRICA
OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIEL CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO THE MAINTENANCE
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ESTABLISHED A MANDATORY
ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA,
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MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO HAVE APPROPRIATE MACHINERY IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES ENVISAGED BY THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 418 (1977),

NOTING THAT IT REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION,

1. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 28 OF THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, A COMMITTEE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, CONSISTING OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF
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THE COUNCIL, TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING TASKS AND TO REPORT TO IT WITH ITS OBSERVATIONS;

A) TO EXAMINE THE REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 418 (1977) AS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL;

B) TO SEEK FROM ALL STATES SUCH FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS LAID DOWN IN RESOLUTION 418 (1977) AS IT MAY CONSIDER NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF ITS DUTY TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL;

C) TO STUDY WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH MEMBER STATES COULD CARRY OUT MORE EFFECTIVELY THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL;

2. CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE IN THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 418 (1977) AND TO SUPPLY SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE SOUGHT BY THE COMMITTEE IN PURSUANCE OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE, CREATING, IN PARTICULAR, A SPECIAL UNIT WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICING OF THE COMMITTEE. UNQTE.

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